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BOOK REVIEWS

Longman's Illustrated First Latin Reading Book and Grammar. By H. R. HEATLEY, M.A. Longman's, Green, & Co., New York, 1899.

THE Latin text, collected from many sources, is rather difficult for those who are just beginning to translate. The first twenty lessons have an interlinear translation, from which words which have already occurred are omitted. There is an abundance of illustrations, some of which are very helpful in giving an idea of various antiquities, while others have to be interpreted in the light of the text, and possess little merit, archæological or artistic. If any system has been consistently followed in marking the few long vowels whose quantity is indicated, it is certainly beyond the reach of the average mind to comprehend and apply it. The "grammar" is quite incomplete, having nothing on pronunciation, quantity of vowels, accent, and similar subjects.

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New Higher Algebra. By WEBSTER WELLS, S.B. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, 1899. Price, \$1.32.

THIS *New Higher Algebra* stands in about the same relation to the *Essentials of Algebra* that his *Higher Algebra* does to the academic. The author has simply strengthened the *Essentials* by the addition of more advanced topics.

The simple and logical presentation of the fundamental laws and principles, exemplified by numerous well chosen exercises, followed by the generally thorough discussion of factoring, fractions, equations, and exponents entitles the book to most careful consideration.

The work in factoring might be somewhat strengthened by the discussion of expressions of the form $ax^2 + bx + c$, a form frequently found in the solution of quadratics, and oftentimes most easily solved by factoring.